

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of Pacific Gas and Electric Company (U 39-M) to Increase Gas and Electric Revenue Requirements, Rates, and Charges for a Pension Contribution, Effective January 1, 2006.

Application 05-12-021
(Filed December 20, 2005)

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGES' RULING
SHORTENING TIME TO FILE COMMENTS ON SETTLEMENT
AND ADDRESSING OTHER PROCEDURAL MATTERS**

Comment Period Shortened for Proposed Pension Contribution Settlement

On March 8, 2006, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E), the Division of Ratepayer Advocates, and the Coalition of California Utility Employees filed a Motion to Adopt a Settlement. Pursuant to Rule 87 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (Rules), we shorten the time to file comments on the proposed settlement as provided by Rule 51.5. The time for filing comments on the proposed settlement is by Thursday, March 16, 2006. There will be no replies.

Other Procedural Matters

The hearings set for March 20 and (if necessary) March 21 remain on calendar as previously scheduled and will commence at 9:00 a.m. The briefing schedule as set forth in the February 10 ruling modifying schedule remains the same. However, the briefing schedule can be revisited at the hearings.

The settling parties have indicated that they wish to admit certain exhibits into evidence in support of the settlement. The settling parties should bring the

original and two copies of each exhibit (for the assigned Administrative Law Judge and court reporter) and sufficient copies for others present in the hearing room.

Therefore, **IT IS RULED** that:

1. The time to file comments on the March 8, 2006, Motion of Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E), the Division of Ratepayer Advocates, and the Coalition of California Utility Employees to Adopt a Settlement, as provided by Rule 51.5, is by Thursday, March 16, 2006. There will be no replies.

2. Parties should follow the instructions concerning exhibits set forth in the text of the ruling.

Dated March 9, 2006, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ TIMONTHY KENNEY by JAE
Timothy Kenney
Administrative Law Judge

/s/ JANET A. ECONOME
Janet A. Econome
Administrative Law Judge

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I have by mail this day served a true copy of the original attached Administrative Law Judges' Ruling Shortening Time to File Comments on Settlement and Addressing Other Procedural Matters on all parties of record in this proceeding or their attorneys of record.

Dated March 9, 2006, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ ERLINDA PULMANO
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N O T I C E

Parties should notify the Process Office, Public Utilities Commission, 505 Van Ness Avenue, Room 2000, San Francisco, CA 94102, of any change of address to insure that they continue to receive documents. You must indicate the proceeding number on the service list on which your name appears.

The Commission's policy is to schedule hearings (meetings, workshops, etc.) in locations that are accessible to people with disabilities. To verify that a particular location is accessible, call: Calendar Clerk (415) 703-1203.

If specialized accommodations for the disabled are needed, e.g., sign language interpreters, those making the arrangements must call the Public Advisor at (415) 703-2074, TTY 1-866-836-7825 or (415) 703-5282 at least three working days in advance of the event.